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Dr. Darryl Williams named Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent

Baltimore, Maryland -- The Board of Education of Baltimore County is pleased to announce that Dr. Darryl Williams has been named the next Superintendent of Schools for Baltimore County Public Schools, effective July 1, 2019. Dr. Williams was selected following an extensive nationwide superintendent search facilitated by Ray and Associates, Inc., incorporating input from more than 4,400 Baltimore County citizens.

Dr. Williams currently serves as the area associate superintendent of K-12 schools in eight clusters in Montgomery County Public Schools (MD). In this capacity, he supervises 3 directors of learning, achievement, and administration, as well as 9 instructional specialists of learning and achievement. Together, they coach, support, and evaluate 8 high school principals, 2 specialty school principals, 15 middle school principals, and 44 elementary school principals. Previously, Dr. Williams supervised 7 directors of school support and improvement and supervised 40 middle school principals and 28 high school principals, serving approximately 67,000 students. He serves on the superintendent's Executive Leadership Team and a variety of workgroups and committees to improve teaching and learning in the school system.

Prior to these positions, Dr. Williams served 2 years as the associate superintendent of 38 middle schools and 2 years as the community superintendent for the Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, and Watkins Mill clusters. Dr. Williams served as the principal at Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, Maryland, from 2007-2011. He also served as principal of Gaithersburg High School in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and William H. Farquhar Middle School in Olney, Maryland.

Dr. Williams earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Hampton University and his Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration from American University and completed his doctoral degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. He is a native Washingtonian and graduated from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in 1984 (the first graduating class of Banneker Academic High School). He began his teaching career as a mathematics teacher at Banneker Academic High School from 1988 to 1994 and left DC Public Schools in 1994 to start a career in Montgomery County Public Schools.

Dr. Williams is married to Shellie Bronson Williams and together they have three children: Lauren Williams, Darryl Williams II, and Sydney Williams. They currently reside in Howard County, Maryland.

"I am honored to have been chosen as the new superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools, and I am excited to serve our students, leaders, staff, and communities," said Dr. Williams. "I will focus on the needs of our students and staff and work to maintain a positive and effective learning environment for all. We have to continue to move our district in a positive direction and listen to stakeholders and students about our successes and areas of improvement and make necessary changes. Our students come first and our work as a unified team will positively impact the lives of the students in BCPS," remarked Dr. Williams.

"Dr. Williams comes to Baltimore County highly recommended and with a solid and lengthy track record of success for students in Montgomery County Public Schools. His focus on supporting all students, in every school, gives us every confidence in his ability to deliver outstanding results for Baltimore County," said Board Chair Kathleen Causey.

"Dr. Darryl Williams is a great educational leader marrying integrity with professional will to support students, staff, and parents. He is a disciplined leader whose future oriented perspective and strategic thinking are foundational to long-term success. The Board of Baltimore County Public Schools has selected a leader who understands the power of strong teams and shared accountability," stated Patricia O'Neill, Vice President, Board of Education, Montgomery County Public Schools.

"Baltimore County is getting a smart, committed professional in Dr. Darryl L. Williams. Dr. Williams understands the importance of team work in the critical effort to reach all students," stated Dr. Jack Smith, Superintendent of Schools, Montgomery County Public Schools.

"Dr. Darryl Williams is an exemplary educational leader of the highest integrity. He has a comprehensive understanding of district and school improvement coupled with highly positive interpersonal skills to effectively lead and collaborate with all stakeholders to ensure that staff are able to do their best work for the success and benefit of all students," stated Donna Hollingshead, Associate Superintendent of School Administration, Montgomery County Public Schools.

"The Board of Education (BOE) greatly appreciates the leadership, hard work, and commitment of Interim Superintendent Verletta White," said the BOE. "Mrs. White was thrust into the position during a turbulent time and provided much needed stability to Baltimore County Public Schools. We look forward to formally honoring her more than 20 years of service dedicated to educating children."

In addition, the Board looks forward to welcoming and introducing Dr. Williams to the community and will be publicizing those opportunities in the coming weeks.

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